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Employment under MGNREGS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has directed various States/UTs to provide 100 days of assured employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government is aware of the fact that the average days of wage employment for people under MGNREGS in States including Madhya Pradesh was 46 days during 2015-16, and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Governments were unable to provide employment under MGNREGS as assured in the Act, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the workers engaged in States including Madhya Pradesh under MGNREGS during 2015-16 were not provided dues timely, and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the responsibility fixed by the Union Government on agencies which have not provided dues to workers in time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) provides a legal guarantee for 100 days of employment in a financial year to every rural household of the country whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Not less than 100 days of employment are provided to registered workers upon receipt of their demand.

The Government is actively engaged with State Governments in establishing systems that ensure provision of work as per demand, transparency and accountability. To generate awareness about the provisions of the Scheme and to provide adequate employment opportunities to rural households (including poor farmers) under MGNREGA, all States/UTs have been requested for the following: -

- (i) Initiate appropriate IEC campaigns including wall paintings for wide dissemination of the provisions of the Act.
- (ii) Expand scope and coverage of demand registration system to ensure that demand for work under MGNREGA does not go unregistered.
- (iii) Organize 'Rozgar Diwas' periodically to capture latent demand under the programme and to disseminate awareness about the provisions of the Act.

(b): State/UT-wise details of average number of workdays of employment generated, in States/UTs including Madhya Pradesh during the FY 2015-16 is given in Annexure-I.

(c): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is a demand driven programme. Details of households provided employment as demanded by job card holders and persondays generated under MGNREGA in States/UTs during the FY 2015-16 is given in the Annexure-II.

(d)&(e): The percentage of delayed payment to MGNREGA workers in States/UTs including Madhya Pradesh during the FY 2015-16 is given in Annexure-III.

In order to ensure timely payment wages, Rules have been issued for timely payment of wages under which, it was suggested that clear accountability shall be fixed on the functionaries for timely performance of specific duties leading to payment of wages. All cases of delayed payment attract compensation @ 0.05% per day of delay, which is automatically calculated and paid by the State Government.

The States/UTs have been advised to pay delayed compensation to workers who have not provided dues in time.
